

## Stakeholder Update for Amended Agreement State Status - Uranium Mills and Tailings Utah Division of Radiation Control Utah Department of Environmental Quality Update #10 - January 9, 2003

**Purpose:** This is a series of updates to be provided to stakeholders interested in following the process of the Division of Radiation Control's efforts to achieve an amended Agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to regulate uranium mills and tailings within the State of Utah

**Submission of final application:** The Division submitted the final application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission who received it on January 8, 2003. The final application was submitted with a cover letter from Governor Leavitt formally requesting an amended Agreement in which the Commission will discontinue and the State of Utah will assume certain regulatory authority for by-product material as defined in Section 11e.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended. Governor Leavitt requested that the amended Agreement become effective as of October 1, 2003.

**Regulatory fees kick in:** As of January 1, 2003 [see UCA 19-3-104(5)(a)(b)(i)(ii)], uranium mills or commercial sites disposing of or reprocessing byproduct material are subject to a \$6,667 per month fee until March 30, 2002. Facilities on standby status are subject to a \$4,167 per month fee until March 30, 2002. As stated in UCA 19-3-104(5)(c), after March 30, 2002, further fees are not required until October 1, 2003 or the date that NRC grants the Utah amendment. For the first billing cycle, facilities will be billed for the quarter. Facilities can expect the first quarter billing being sent during the week of March 24, 2003. Subsequent billing cycles are yet to be determined.

**Transition of project management:** The Division of Radiation Control and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Uranium Recovery Branch and Region IV offices have been and will continue to discuss projects that may extend beyond the anticipated program transfer date of October 1, 2003. Licensees are encouraged to contact either the NRC or the Division of Radiation Control if there are projects that may be impacted by the transfer of authority to aid in a smooth program transition.

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